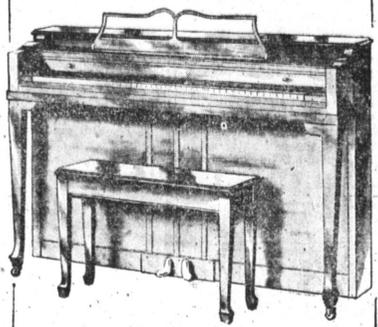




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RESTORATION OF SYNTHETIC PLANTS TO PRODUCTION IN 30 DAYS IS HELD POSSIBLE

It will be possible to restore Shell Chemical Company's Torrance butadiene production within 30 days after operating personnel is available, E. S. Bodine, manager, declared yesterday as he explained the government's order terminating production of the plant on Aug. 15.

However, Bodine pointed out, the longer the plant stays down the longer it will be before it can be placed in production of the vital material necessary to manufacture of synthetic rubber. The plant is on a "standby order" of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Office of Rubber Reserve, for one year or more.

Bodine will remain with the Torrance plant until it is placed in a complete standby condition, to be accomplished by November or December. Many employees will be retained for some time to place the plant in a standby condition, it was said.

The plant, which cost \$20,000,000, is the third Southern California unit to be placed in a standby condition on Federal orders. Others are Southern California Gas Company, Los Angeles crude butadiene plant and the U. S. Rubber Co. synthetic plant in Torrance.

Mixed in the story of the closing of the synthetic rubber program of Torrance, which was a major factor in winning the war, are international politics, the British financial crisis, the atom bomb and the recent nose-dive in the price of crude rubber from the Far East, according to an analysis by Ed Ainsworth, Times writer.

The Torrance Shell butadiene plant was built by Defense Plant Corporation during 1942 and 1943 and employed nearly 600 people at one time. During the critical period when war effort was dependent almost entirely on synthetic rubber, it was operated far in excess of its design capacity and produced the highest purity butadiene in the country.

Following the dinner, guests gathered at the bandstand for a program of entertainment presented by John A. Hackett, master of ceremonies. Phillip and Lois Ann Wright, children of Jack Wright, hospital custodian, gave an exhibition of trick riding on their educated ponies, and Dorothy Turner presented a hula dance.

The average price received by farmers for their corn in 1942 was 31.6 per bushel. For 1945 it averaged \$1.14.

Pueblo Topics

By GLORIA FLORES The Logia Lazaro Cardenas of Pueblo will sponsor a dance at the C.I.O. hall the coming Saturday, Aug. 16, in honor of our candidate for "Queen of Fiesta," Miss Ofelia Duarte.



MISS OFELIA DUARTE "Queen of Fiesta" Candidate

Pueblo has shown a fine spirit for its candidate and is doing everything possible to get Miss Duarte in the lead.

So don't forget to come to our dance and buy some votes for my candidate, and I hope yours too, Miss Ofelia Duarte. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Solis were blessed with a bundle from the stork last Saturday, Aug. 9. The baby girl was named Virginia Solis.

A birthday party was given in honor of Jesse Hernandez last Friday, Aug. 8, by his wife Nellie. Most of their friends attended, making it a gala occasion.

Not one or two, but three baptisms took place in Pueblo last Saturday, Aug. 9. The babies baptized are: Ann Dolores Perez, Edward Hermenegildo, both having Mr. and Mrs. G. Arias as sponsors and George Albert Montoya, with Edina Grande and Gilbert Romero as sponsors.

Families leaving for Colusa to pick fruit this month are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Tony Martinez, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Flores, Mr. and Mrs. Grajeda and Mr. and Mrs. S. Banda.

Hospital Cases

- Patients admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following: Joseph J. McNally, Sr., 1553 216th st. Mrs. Doris Urquhart, 2325 Sierra ave. Mary Elken Vash, 25936 Normandie ave. Marjory Chambers, 1422 Amapola ave. Mrs. Sally Griff, 1831 Pacific Coast Highway. Mrs. Mildred Hester, 311 Harbor Hills. Mrs. Phyllis Hoffman, 1549 W. 216th st.

WHEN DRIVING AT NIGHT

Many motorists prefer to do their long distance driving, or part of it, at night. The preference is based upon the fact that the traffic is lighter, and the glaring sunlight is absent. While these assumptions are correct, several other aspects of the subject are worthy of consideration. One is that it is easier to fall asleep, doze or relax on a deserted road than on one where traffic presents a constant stimulus to wakefulness. Another fact to consider is that maximum driving speeds should be lower than in the daytime because of greatly reduced visibility.

MOTOR VEHICLE SCRAPPING

The average motor vehicle in the United States today is scrapped after approximately 90,000 miles of use in 12 years. In 1935 scrapping came at 58,000 miles and 8.3 years.

RICKET TREATMENT

Some modern methods of treating rickets with vitamin D are unsafe, it has been found in experiments at the University of California.

Torrance Home Building Permits Continue Spurt

Building in the Torrance area continued its spurt upward this week as the California Nevada Properties Inc. received permits to construct 25 residences with garages in the 500 and 600 blocks of Calle de Arboles.

Valued at \$175,000, the permits to California Nevada Properties, Inc. raised the total figure for the week ending Aug. 13, to \$198,500.

Additional permits issued for construction in Torrance were as follows: Herbert Sohn, 1101 Maple st., residence at 1504 Fern ave., \$6500.

Harriet V. Leech, 1603 Amapola ave., four room apartment above 3 car garage, \$5500.

L. T. and G. D. Denning, 2904 Vanderbilt Lane, Redondo Beach, residence at 24257 Ward st., \$5400.

Kollin R. Smith, 1107 N. Detroit, Hollywood, addition to animal hospital at 1855 Torrance Blvd., \$500.

Moneta Water Co., Metal pump house to be built at 2246 W. 186th st., \$1000.

School Board Starts Plan For Unification Here

(Continued from page 1-A) 8th grades can be housed in the high school this year even though the high school is administered from the Redondo district.

Superintendent J. H. Hull pointed out that one of the main reasons that unification is good educationally for Torrance, is that it brings all Torrance schools under the management of the Torrance Board of Education and gives Torrance people control of all twelve grades.

He further stated that another reason is that unification is good business. It reduces administrative costs. If it is good business for the Redondo High School district to add \$38,000,000.00 in assessed valuation and only 600 high school students to its district, there is no reason why doubling its valuation and adding only about one-fourth to its student load, it is even better business for Torrance to use the \$32,000,000.00 valuation for the education of the 600 students.

Rather than share in the education of 2,800 students and footing half the bill, Torrance could be responsible only for Torrance children. This is the same reason Torrance used for separating from Los Angeles.

Mrs. Grace Wright, vice president of the Board of Education, suggested that voters could help by getting signatures and that additional copies of the petitions are available to anyone who is willing to work on this project.

All of the members of the Board of Education have extra copies. The administrative office has copies and the principals of the various schools have copies for workers who will volunteer to get 25 names.

Signators should include their precinct number if they can remember it, as it will save much time when the names are checked to have the number available.

A telephone call to Torrance 1653 will bring an extra petition to anyone who has not been contacted and who wants to help.

YOUR SOLEMN OBLIGATION

But he who takes the oath today to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States only assumes the solemn obligation which every patriotic citizen—on the farm, in the workshop, in the busy marts of trade, and everywhere—should share with him.—Grover Cleveland.

Torrance High Bulletin Outlines Courses For Coming School Year

Full information on registration and curriculum guidance is contained in a bulletin issued last week at Torrance High School.

A number of new courses will be available to returning students but emphasis is upon a more integrated curriculum. One which is arranged so that pupils will study one subject, or a group of closely related subjects and thus graduate with a fair mastery of a certain field. The bulletin attempts to show the student that his success is determined largely by his purpose in going to school and his constant endeavor to attain a goal, which means a certain amount of hard study outside of class.

Prepared by Lloyd Waller, Principal of Torrance High School, the bulletin explains to the student that they will be given tests to discover their abilities and interests if they have not yet decided upon their vocational choice. Specific subjects to be taken each semester are chosen in advance at individual conferences between students and the counselor.

Four courses of instruction will be offered and are so organized that a student may complete any of the four and still be eligible to attend the college of his choice. Business Education, Home-making, and Industrial Arts offer definite vocational training for the student who is not preparing to go to college. Liberal Arts or the Academic course is designed for those planning to go on to college. Students who cannot meet the standards for graduation in any of the four courses may be graduated in a general course upon recommendation of the counselor.

Among the new courses listed are: photography, journalism, dramatics, public speaking, commercial art, modern literature, and advanced printing technique.

OBITUARY

BESSIE L. MIGUEL Services for Bessie L. Miguel, 1104 Portola ave., who died at her home Aug. 7, were held Saturday at 9:00 a. m. in Stone and Myers chapel, Rev. Donald J. Menmuir officiating. Born in Elliott, Ill., June 16, 1878, she is survived by a daughter, Miriam Miguel Johnson, Torrance, and a brother J. A. Hood of Winfield, Kansas. Interment was in Morongo Indian Reservation, Banning.

WILLIAM D. CONN Last rites for William D. Conn, 1523 Marcelina ave., will be conducted from Stone and Myers chapel Friday at 10:00 a. m. Rev. Wesley H. Roloff conducting. Mr. Conn died at White Memorial hospital, Los Angeles, Aug. 12 after a short illness. He was born in Fairburg, Ill. Dec. 21, 1871 and besides his wife Ora E. is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Norman A. Leake of Torrance. Private cremation will be at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

JOSEPH C. LEITNER Final services for Joseph C. Leitner, 1604 Post ave., who died Aug. 7 were conducted from Stone and Myers chapel Saturday at 2:00 p. m., Rev. Ben Lingenteller officiating. A resident of Torrance for over 25 years, Mr. Leitner was an employee of the National Supply Co. He was born Mar. 16, 1885 in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to his wife, Lillian B., he is survived by a brother, Frank Leitner of Los Angeles and three cousins, Mrs. C. J. Felder, Mrs. E. Klar, and Mrs. C. A. Scheel, all of San Antonio. Burial will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

LEON K. EN EARL Funeral rites for Leon K. En Earl, 56, 5728 Lillianhal lane, were conducted Wed. 13 at 1 p. m. at Pierce Brothers Little Church Around the Corner, Inglewood. Mr. En Earl, a native of Colorado has been employed at a tool maker at a Torrance manufacturing plant for the past 7 years. He died Sunday at his home leaving his widow, Frances. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

25 PAINTINGS IN PALOS VERDES EXHIBITION

Twenty-five water colors by Ben Messick, teacher at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, are being exhibited in the Palos Verdes public library art gallery.

Messick, who has permanent collections in the San Francisco and Los Angeles museums and in the United States museum in Washington, has held one-man shows almost continuously since 1935. His work has won prizes in many national shows. The artist will be present at 2 p. m. Sunday to greet visitors at the gallery. The exhibit, sponsored jointly by the Community Arts association and the library, will continue through August 27.

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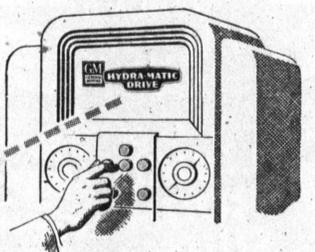
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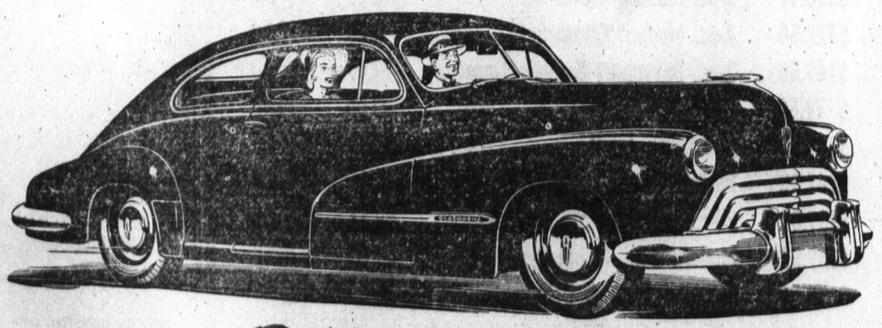


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